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ANNULAR SUSTAINED
RELEASE PHEROMONE-
DISPENSER AND ITS
INSTALLATION TOOL



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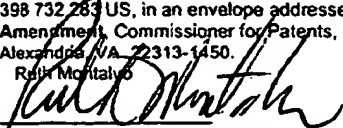
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Dear Sir:

This Brief is in reply to the Examiner's Answer mailed April 1, 2005. TECHNOLOGY CENTER R&D.

The Examiner asserts that Coplan et al. discloses a method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser whose end portions are connected to each other by the steps of arranging a plurality of continuous plastic tubes (referring to Figs. 3a and 3b) wherein the tubes have a diffusivity and permeability to a liquid synthetic (Abstract lines 1-3) and which are filled with a liquid synthetic sex pheromone (Fig. 1); fusing them at a predetermined pitch by heating under pressure and then cutting them at each fuse portion to produce a dispenser composed of two side by side tubes having closely sealed both end portions. This is an inaccurate description of the invention disclosed by Coplan.

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